

rule, without destruction records, will satisfy this requirement for Secret information, as will use of destruction records without imposition of the two-person rule. Only one cleared person needs to be involved in the destruction process for Confidential information.

(b) When burn bags are used for the collection of classified material that is to be destroyed at central destruction facilities, such bags shall be controlled in a manner designed to minimize the possibility of their unauthorized removal and the unauthorized removal of their classified contents prior to actual destruction. When filled, burn bags shall be sealed in a manner that will facilitate the detection of any tampering with the bag.

(c) Procedures to ensure that all classified information intended for destruction actually is destroyed, other than those in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, shall be submitted to the DoD Component's senior official (§ 159a.93(b) and (c)) for approval.

#### **§ 159a.64 Records of destruction.**

(a) Records of destruction are required for Top Secret information. The record shall be dated and signed at the time of destruction by two persons cleared for access to Top Secret information. However, in the case of Top Secret information placed in burn bags for central disposal, the destruction record may be signed by the officials when the information is so placed and the bags are sealed. Top Secret burn bags shall be numbered serially and a record kept of all subsequent handling of the bags until they are destroyed. This record may be in lieu of actual burn bag receipts and shall be maintained for a minimum of 2 years.

(b) Records of destruction of Secret and Confidential information are not required except for NATO Secret and some limited categories of specially controlled Secret information. When records of destruction are used for Secret information, only one cleared person has to sign such records. (DoD Directive 5100.55 provides guidance on the destruction of NATO classified material.)

(c) Records of destruction shall be maintained for 2 years.

#### **§ 159a.65 Classified waste.**

Waste material, such as handwritten notes, carbon paper, typewriter ribbons, and working papers that contains classified information must be protected to prevent unauthorized disclosure of the information. Classified waste shall be destroyed when no longer needed by a method described in § 159a.62. Destruction records are not required.

#### **§ 159a.66 Classified document retention.**

(a) Classified documents that are not permanently valuable records of the government shall not be retained more than 5 years from the date of origin, unless such retention is authorized by and in accordance with DoD Component record disposition schedules.

(b) Throughout the Department of Defense, the head of each activity shall establish at least one clean-out day each year where a portion of the work performed in every office with classified information stored is devoted to the destruction of unneeded classified holdings.

### **Subpart K—Security Education**

#### **§ 159a.68 Responsibility and objectives.**

Heads of DoD Components shall establish security education programs for their personnel. Such programs shall stress the objectives of improving the protection of information that requires it. They shall also place emphasis on the balance between the need to release the maximum information appropriate under the Freedom of Information Act (32 CFR part 285) and the interest of the Government in protecting the national security.

#### **§ 159a.69 Scope and principles.**

The security education program shall include all personnel authorized or expected to be authorized access to classified information. Each DoD Component shall design its program to fit the requirements of different groups of personnel. Care must be exercised to assure that the program does not evolve into a perfunctory compliance with formal requirements without achieving